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SUBJ: THREE SLPP PARLIAMENTARIANS LOSE SEATS

1. SLPP PARLIAMENTARIANS CHARLES MARGAI (MOYAMBA SOUTH), DOMINIC NGOMBU (KAILAHUN NORTH) AND DAUDA SANDI (KAILAHUN SOUTH) HAD THEIR SEATS DECLARED VACANT DECEMBER 20 FOR "BEING ABSENT FROM PARLIAMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE", ALTHOUGH ALL HAVE BEEN IN DETENTION SINCE EARLY MAY. THE ACTION BY SPEAKER JUSTICE SINGER BOTTS FOLLOWS A RE-

COMMENDATION BY A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SEVEN APC MEMBERS AND ONE SLPP MEMBER, SALIA JUSU-SHERIFF, NOMINAL LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL - EMBASSY COMMENT: THE APPARENT ACQUIESCENCE OF JUSU-SHERIFF TO THE REMOVAL OF THE THREE SLPP PARLIAMENTARIANS HAS GIVEN RISE TO SPECULATION THAT A DEAL HAD BEEN STRUCK TO EFFECT THEIR RELEASE FROM DETENTION IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR REMOVAL FROM PARLIAMENT. FORMER PRIME MINISTER ALBERT MARGAI, THE FATHER OF CHARLES, REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION WITH JUSU-SHERIFF TO CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF HIS SON. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF A STATE HOUSE SOURCE PREDICTED THAT THE RELEASE OF THE THREE FORMER PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. A FOURTH SLPP PARLIAMENTARIAN MANA KPAKA (PUJEHUN EAST), HAS BEEN IN DETENTION AT LEAST SINCE SEPTEMBER 2, BUT WAS NOT REMOVED FROM PARLIAMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL AND EMBASSY COMMENT. LINEHAN

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